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Re: Florida Association for Water Quality Control, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$87.50 for the Filing Fee, a certified copy of the Articles, and a Certificate of Status for the "Florida Association for Water Quality Control, Inc." Please accept the Articles for filing as a not-for-profit corporation, and return one filed-stamped copy to the messenger delivering this package. Please send the certified copy of the Articles and the Certificate of Status to the Registered Agent for the corporation once they are available.

Thank you for your assistance, and please do not hesitate to contact me at the above-listed number if there are any questions,

Sincerely,

HOPPING GREEN SAMS & SMITH, P.A.

Michael P. Petrovich

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL, INC.

The undersigned Incorporator subscribing to these Articles of Incorporation, being competent to contract, hereby forms a Corporation under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, not for profit in nature and purpose, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation shall be:

Florida Association for Water Quality Control, Inc.

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#### ARTICLE II - ADDRESS AND INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The street and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

123 South Calhoun Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

The corporation's initial registered agent and the street address of its initial registered agent shall be:

Michael Petrovich 123 South Calhoun Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

#### ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The general objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

1. To advance education among business leaders, government regulators, and other interested parties regarding the regulation of water resources in the State of Florida, and the improvement of water resource regulation in Florida;

- 2. To promote awareness among business leaders, government regulators, and other interested parties regarding the environmental and economic costs of water resource management and appropriate water resource regulation;
- 3. To exchange technical information, viewpoints, and innovative ideas among business leaders, government regulators, and other interested parties to improve water resources in the State of Florida;
- 4. To solicit and make charitable distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code which further the purposes and goals provided herein;
- 5. To do all lawful acts and things necessary, convenient, or expedient to carry on the above-mentioned purposes; and
- To engage in all other activities not prohibited by the Laws of Florida and to have all other powers given not for profit corporations under the Laws of Florida.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal income tax, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE IV - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

The qualification of members and manner of admission to membership of the corporation shall be as regulated by the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V - MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of eleven (11) Directors who shall be elected, qualified as to their membership, and hold office in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI - NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following individuals shall serve as the initial board of directors:

Jonathan Hull 1211 Tech Boulevard, Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33619

Fred Crabill 801 N. Park Road Plant City, FL 33566

Ron Brunk 3225 Highway 630 W. Ft. Meade, FL 33841

Dale Caldwell 30 Village Lane Safety Harbour, FL 34695

Craig Kovach P.O. Box 1480 Bartow, FL 33830

Sam Zamani 2804 Coconut Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-8318

Dan Rothenberger 5215 West Laurel Street, Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33607 Tom Patka 3306 Granada Street Tampa, FL 33629

Michael Petrovich 123 South Calhoun Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

Michael Edgar 325 John Knox Road Tallahassee, FL 32301

Mark Stephens 2033 E. Edgewood Drive, Suite 5 Lakeland, FL 33803-3601

#### **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES**

These Articles may be altered, amended, or repealed in whole or in part by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided that any such changes shall be consistent with the laws of Florida which define, limit or regulate the powers of the corporation or the Directors of the corporation. An Amendment, upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State of Florida, and payment of all required filing fees, shall become and be taken as part of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE IX - EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Articles will become effective on the date they are filed with the Department of State.

#### ARTICLE X - INCORPORATORS

The name and street address of the incorporator for these Articles of Incorporation is:

Ron Brunk 3225 Highway 630 W. Ft. Meade, FL 33841

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.

Ron Brunk, Incorporator

### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is:

Florida Association for Water Quality Control, Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Michael Petrovich 123 South Calhoun Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301 O1 MAR 16 PM 3: 3:
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HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

Michael P. Petrovich

Date